of generally longitudinally directed strings and generally laterally directed strings to form a string bed of the racket, and a racket throat area joining the handle portion with the head portion; and

A1

a self-powered piezoelectric damping system comprising at least one transducer element laminated to the racket frame and at least one circuit located within the racket handle portion and electrically connected to the at least one transducer element.

6. (Amended) A racket comprising:

A2

a racket frame comprising a racket handle portion orientated along a longitudinal axis of the racket, a racket head portion allowing for the attachment thereto of generally longitudinally directed strings and generally laterally directed strings to form a string bed of the racket, and a racket throat area joining the handle portion with the head portion; and

a self-powered piezoelectric damping system comprising at least one transducer element laminated to the racket frame and at least one circuit located within the racket handle portion and electrically connected to the at least one transducer element, wherein the racket handle portion includes a slot in the racket handle portion and the circuit is affixed within the slot.

11. (New) A racket comprising:

A3

a racket frame comprising a racket handle portion orientated along a longitudinal axis of the racket, a racket head portion allowing for the attachment thereto of generally

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